

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice:

Darwin Correctional Centre

In May 2020, 21 prisoners from the Darwin Correctional Centre broke out of their cells, rioted and set fire to a number of the Centre's buildings.

Several months later it was estimated that the damage bill was in the order of \$30 million to repair the riot damage caused to the facility which is owned by the Sentinel Group and leased to the NT Government through a public-private-partnership arrangement.

The \$30 million cost estimate was confirmed by the Corrections Commissioner David Thompson during estimates hearings in 2021.

1. Why hasn't the independent review into the 2020 riot at the Darwin Correctional Centre by independent Professor John Paget been released publically?
2. The Chief Minister and Attorney-General have both previously promised to release a summary of the findings from the Paget Review but have failed to do so. When will this promise be honoured?
3. Why was a copy of the Paget Review released to NT Ombudsman Peter Shoyer on the proviso that he not release it to anyone else?
4. How many recommendations were made in the Paget Review, and how many of these recommendations have been implemented?
5. How many have not been implemented? Why not?
6. It is understood the primary area impacted during the riot fires were educational and program delivery spaces. Is it correct that these activities are now being delivered in industry spaces outside of the prison?
7. What impact has this had on the delivery of these services to prisoners?
8. Has the relocation of educational programs to industry had any other effect on the vocational programs in the Centre?
9. Is the Darwin Correctional Centre covered by insurance?

10. Has either the NT Government or the Sentinel Group made any insurance claims for the cost of repairing the damages?
11. Have any insurance claims been paid to date?
12. Have any repairs been made to date? If so what has been repaired and what was the cost? Who has paid for these repairs?
13. What repairs to damage remain outstanding? How much will these repairs cost?
14. Has there been any project and cost variations to the repairs to damage still to be done?
15. When will the repairs commence and when will they be completed?